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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

New claims and claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection.

The allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-11, and 13 is gratefully acknowledged. In an effort to expedite allowance of the current application, claims 3, 12, 14-15, and 28-46 have been canceled.

New claims 47-56 include means-plus-function features and are respectively based on claims 1, 2, 5-11, and 13. Therefore, such claims also fall within the elected claim grouping I and should be allowable.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

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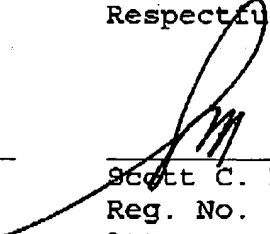
claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Kindly change the Attorney Docket Number for this matter to: 10559-839001/P16714.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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